CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-26. (Previously Canceled)

27. **(Currently Amended)** A method for providing pre-paid services over a radio communication network to a telecommunication device comprising a user identification circuit, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving at the user identification circuit at least one service request generated by the telecommunication device;

for each service request received from the telecommunication device, communicating a user identification message from the user identification circuit to the telecommunication device**, each user identification message corresponding to each particular service request including a service identifier that identifies that particular service request**;

transmitting at least one service request message over the radio communication network from the user identification circuit to a service computer, wherein the at least one service request message requests allocation of at least one service;

receiving a pre-paid account status message over the radio communication network from the service computer to the user identification circuit in response to each service request message, wherein the user identification circuit evaluates the pre-paid account status message; **and**

for each evaluated pre-paid account status message received at the user identification circuit, communicating **an** ~~**the evaluated pre-paid**~~ account status **result** message from the user identification circuit to the telecommunication device to allocate use of the **corresponding** requested service when the evaluated pre-paid account status message indicates a specific result**, each account status result message including the service identifier that identifies the particular service request corresponding to that account status result message such that the telecommunication device can mateh the account status result message with the user identification message that included the same service identifier**.

28. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 27, wherein the telecommunication device is one of a GSM device and a UMTS device.

29. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 27, wherein the user identification circuit is one of a Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) and a UMTS Subscriber Identity Module (USIM).

30. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein the service request message is generated by a command set on an application toolkit stored in one of the Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) and a UMTS Subscriber Identity Module (USIM).

31. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 27, wherein the at least one service request message is transmitted concurrently with the communication of the user identification message.

32. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 27, wherein the specific result is an indication that sufficient pre-paid credit is available.

33. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 27, wherein the service is at least one of mobile email, instant messaging, video telephony, a multimedia messaging service and a short message service.

34. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 27, wherein and the at least one service request message contains, depending upon a type of requested service, additional data required for providing the service.

35. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 34, wherein each service request message includes parameters for charges, depending on the type of service being requested.

36. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 34, wherein the at least one service request message describes an order of the services requested by the radio communication terminal.

37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 27, further comprising the step of blocking allocation of the requested service if the evaluated pre-paid account status message does not indicate the specific result.

38. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 27, wherein the service computer is a server.

39. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus that allocates pre-paid services over a radio communication network, comprising:

a telecommunication device **that sends at least one service request to the user identification circuit**; and

a user identification circuit, wherein the user identification circuit**:**

communicates**, for each service request received from the telecommunication device,** a user identification message to the telecommunication device**, each user identification message corresponding to each particular service request including a service identifier that identifies that particular service request**, and

transmits at least one service request message over the radio communication network to a service computer, wherein the at least one service request message requests allocation of at least one service, ~~and~~

~~wherein the user identification circuit~~ receives a pre-paid account status message over the radio communication network from the service computer to the user identification circuit in response to each service request message, wherein the user identification circuit evaluates the pre-paid account status message, **and**

~~wherein the user identification circuit~~ **for each evaluated pre-paid account status message received at the user identification circuit,** communicates **an** ~~the evaluated pre-paid~~ account status **result** message to the telecommunication device to allocate use of the **corresponding** requested service when the evaluated pre-paid account

status message indicates a specific result**, each account status result message including the service identifier that identifies the particular service request corresponding to that account status result message such that the telecommunication device can match the account status result message with the user identification message that included the same service identifier**.

40. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein the telecommunication device is one of a GSM device and a UMTS device.

41. (Previously Presented) The apparatus aceording to claim 39, wherein the user identification circuit is one of a Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) and a UMTS Subscriber Identity Module (USIM).

42. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein the service request message is generated by a command set on an application toolkit stored in one of the Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) and a UMTS Subscriber Identity Module (USIM).